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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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10/026553  
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Re: Application of Hubert GEHRING, Reiner PLAUM and Thomas TALANIS  
DATA TRANSMISSION SYSTEM AND METHOD  
**Assignee: SIEMENS AG**  
Our Ref. Q67543

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising sixteen (16) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and two (2) sheets of drawings. Also enclosed are the priority document and an Information Disclosure Statement. **The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and the Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

The present application is being filed as a continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111 (a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of International Application PCT/DE00/02106, filed June 28, 2000, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Sections 1895 et seq. of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. To facilitate the Examiner's review, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Cover Page of the published International Application and a copy of Applicants' PCT Request.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>24</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>4</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$72.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>3</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$84.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
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**TOTAL FEE** \$812.00

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$812.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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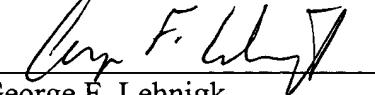
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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Germany	199 29 751.7	June 30, 1999

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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